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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 7, 2000**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2000, Applicant requests reconsideration and replies as follows:

**I. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS.**

Please amend claim 25 by ending this claim with a period.